# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COAL AND MINES
# LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF COKING COAL
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether percentage of production of the coking coal has been gradually declining in the country since the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof as compared to the percentage of 1998-1999;

(c) the total production of coal during 2001-2002 grade- wise;

(d) whether there has been increase in the demand of coal during the said period;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the demand of coking coal in the country has been met through imports thereof; and

g) if so, the measures taken by the Union Government to increase the production of coking coal in the country?

## Answer

THE MINISTER FOR COAL & MINES(SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The percentage of production of coking coal has been gradually declining in the country as given below:-

(In Million Tonnes)

| Year | Coking coal | Percentage with 1998-99 as base |
|---|---|---|
| 1998-99 | 39.176 | |
| 1999-00 | 32.983 | (-) 15.81 |
| 2000-01 | 30.900 | (-) 21.13 |
| 2001-02 | 28.816 | (-) 26.45 |

(provisional)

(c): The details of total production of coal during 2001- 2002 category-wise is given below:-

(In Million Tonnes) (Provisional)

| Coking coal | Non-coking coal | Total |
|---|---|---|
| 28.816 | 293.789 | 322.605 |

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The All India demand for coal has been increasing as given below:-

(In Million Tonnes)

| 1999-2000 | 2000-01 | 2001-02 |
|---|---|---|
| 331.03 | 333.85 | 354.29 |

(f) & (g): Part of the coking coal demand in the country is met through planned imports. With gradual depletion, the available reserve of good quality coking coal is limited. However, Coal India Limited has planned to take up three new projects to increase the production of coking coal during Tenth Plan. These new projects are Bermo Opencast, Topa Opencast reorganisation and Kedla Opencast in Central Coalfields Limited.